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The attached validity study of NIE 63-56, "Probable Developments in North and South Vietnam, published 17 July 1956, was noted by the IAC on 14 May 1957 (IAC-M-289, item 6 c).

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The conclusions of NIE 63-56, dated 17 July 1956, have been generally borne out by events with the following exceptions:

a. The progress in establishing an adequate administrative and control apparatus was overstated. Subsequent DRV criticism has indicated that at the time the land reform program was initiated the party structure in many of the rural areas was weak and that many party members at the time were nationalists rather than hard-core Communists.

b. The degree of opposition and passive resistance was understated and no allowance was made for the eruption of open resistance within North Vietnam. The conclusion that the regime would remain in firm control has proven to be correct.

c. Economic progress in 1956 was greater than estimated, particularly in rice production.